

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Laos

a. Vientiane is taking steps to get help to Kong Le, whose position has continued to worsen. [REDACTED]

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d. A visit by the ICC commissioners to the Plaine des Jarres on Saturday failed to relieve the tension. Consideration is now being given to establishing a permanent ICC presence in the trouble area.

e. Quinim's funeral will take place in Vientiane today amidst rumors that leftists will mark the occasion with a retaliatory assassination.

2. Brazilian economic relations with the bloc

a. Brazil's economic negotiations with the USSR are having hard going. It appears unlikely now that any substantial increase in trade between the two parties will ensue from the discussions under way since last December.

b. Although both sides have expressed interest in expanded trade, they have been unable to agree on the commodities to be exchanged. The Soviets have not been willing to take the quantities of coffee and cocoa the Brazilians want to supply nor to provide in return the 600,000 - 1,000,000 tons of wheat and 3,000,000 tons of oil the Brazilians had hoped to obtain.

c. Negotiations on trade and aid between Brazil and Poland, which were wound up in Rio last week, also went badly. There was, in particular, little headway toward allocation of more than half of the \$70 million industrial development credits granted Brazil in 1961.

3. South Korea

a. The junta has publicly announced the suspension of the referendum and the resumption of political activities.

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b. The statement, issued in Seoul this morning, is vague on the question of elections, saying only that "political factions" are expected "to pave the way for a whole-some transfer of the government to civilians."

c. It is understood, however, that the ambiguousness is for face-saving purposes and that the civilian opposition will privately be given hard assurances on the scheduling of elections.

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4. Soviet forces  
in Cuba

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b. [redacted]  
[redacted] presence of Cubans within the Soviet military encampments where they probably are undergoing training. Tents different from

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those used by the Russians [redacted]

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c. [redacted]

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a convoy carrying what appeared to be SAM equipment [redacted] uniformed Cubans were in some of the truck cabs.

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5. Saudi Arabia-US

a. The Saudi government is asking that the US air squadron be dispatched as soon as possible and no later than the end of this month.

b. The request was made on the heels of the final Bunker-Faysal meeting which the Saudis regard as having elicited Faysal's acceptance of the disengagement plan.

NOTES

A. Dominican Republic Bosch is being roundly denounced by his political foes because of the shooting incident on Friday, but there have been no public disturbances.

B. Iraq-USSR Baghdad has executed a further turn away from Moscow. Some 1,500 Iraqis who have been studying in the Soviet Union have been ordered home.

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D. Pakistan - Afghanistan The outlook for a new beginning toward negotiations of Pakistan-Afghan differences is growing brighter.

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E. Venezuela Terrorists have again blown up the Creole Petroleum Company's pipeline connecting the Lake Maracaibo fields with a coastal refinery.

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